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Chapter 3: Campaign Finance in Congressional Elections

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Table 3-1 The Cost of Winning an Election, 1986-2012 (in nominal and 2012 dollars)

	House Winners		Senate Winners	
	Nominal Dollars	2012 Dollars	Nominal Dollars	2012 Dollars
2012	1,596,953	1,596,953	10,351,556	10,351,556
2010	1,434,760	1,511,799	8,993,945	8,276,415
2008	1,362,239	1,452,718	7,500,052	7,998,198
2006	1,259,791	1,434,762	8,835,416	10,062,557
2004	1,038,391	1,262,120	7,183,825	8,731,637
2002	911,644	1,163,499	3,728,644	4,758,737
2000	845,907	1,127,876	7,198,423 ^a	9,597,897
1998	677,807	954,751	4,655,806	6,558,117
1996	686,198	1,004,150	3,921,653	5,738,761
1994	541,121	838,336	4,488,195	6,953,371
1992	556,475	910,668	3,353,115	5,487,350
1990	423,245	743,512	3,298,324	5,794,148
1988	400,386	777,081	3,746,225	7,270,780
1986	359,577	753,274	3,067,559	6,426,200

Note: Inflation adjustment based on average 2012 CPI.

<ftp://ftp.bls.gov/pub/special.requests/cpi/cpiai.txt>

a. Jon Corzine (D-N.J.) spent \$63,209,506. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) spent \$29,941,194. The remaining Senate winners in 2000 spent an average of \$4,737,365.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.



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Table 3-2 House Campaign Expenditures: Major Party General Election Candidates, 1974-2012 (full cycle, net dollars)

	2012	2010	2008	2006	2004	2002	2000	1998	1996	1994
All Candidates										
Total expenditures	923,555,204	929,421,775	808,001,712	751,730,068	581,483,185 ^a	525,986,157 ^a	514,793,499 ^a	397,221,879 ^a	422,661,966 ^a	346,189,285 ^a
Mean expenditure	1,178,004 (n=784)	1,163,231 (n=799)	1,071,620 (n=754)	995,669 (n=755)	773,249 (n=752)	737,708 (n=712)	695,667 (n=740)	552,464 (n=719)	516,702 (n=818)	439,885 (n=787)
Mean, Democrats	1,031,097 (n=390)	1,257,311 (n=388)	1,071,401 (n=410)	850,606 (n=414)	695,716 (n=380)	732,457 (n=353)	670,205 (n=372)	505,492 (n=358)	472,158 (n=412)	484,976 (n=386)
Mean, Republicans	1,323,420 (n=394)	1,074,416 (n=411)	1,071,882 (n=344)	1,171,786 (n=341)	852,563 (n=371)	743,077 (n=358)	722,852 (n=366)	599,163 (n=360)	560,964 (n=405)	395,949 (n=400)
Incumbents										
Mean, all incumbents	1,656,257 (n=378)	1,552,895 (n=393)	1,333,243 (n=399)	1,261,559 (n=402)	1,026,589 ^a (n=401)	874,790 ^a (n=387)	829,132 ^a (n=400)	654,137 ^a (n=400)	675,506 ^a (n=382)	558,867 ^a (n=382)
Mean, Democrats	1,399,714 (n=162)	1,723,122 (n=236)	1,243,864 (n=229)	983,625 (n=191)	956,127 (n=190)	836,982 (n=188)	755,411 (n=201)	590,935 (n=189)	587,005 (n=168)	619,389 (n=224)
Mean, Republicans	1,848,665 (n=216)	1,297,011 (n=157)	1,453,643 (n=170)	1,513,148 (n=211)	1,091,373 (n=210)	911,755 (n=198)	908,131 (n=197)	711,613 (n=210)	744,057 (n=213)	472,199 (n=157)
Challengers										
Mean, all challengers	587,177 (n=288)	695,127 (n=325)	579,808 (n=284)	510,195 (n=289)	322,061 (n=284)	340,135 (n=226)	377,334 (n=272)	332,092 (n=254)	290,038 (n=331)	240,008 (n=302)
Mean, Democrats	637,907 (n=170)	371,081 (n=111)	667,277 (n=146)	590,557 (n=190)	313,126 (n=158)	414,364 (n=115)	442,963 (n=136)	325,759 (n=136)	322,272 (n=191)	176,747 (n=110)
Mean, Republicans	514,092 (n=118)	863,207 (n=214)	499,289 (n=139)	355,966 (n=99)	333,264 (n=126)	264,591 (n=111)	311,704 (n=136)	339,391 (n=118)	246,061 (n=140)	276,251 (n=192)
Open seats										
Mean, all open-seat candidates	1,087,990 (n=118)	1,150,838 (n=81)	1,568,624 (n=71)	1,517,764 (n=64)	1,169,486 (n=67)	1,126,482 (n=99)	1,183,910 (n=68)	787,932 (n=65)	653,487 (n=105)	584,657 (n=103)
Mean, Democrats	1,153,962 (n=58)	975,363 (n=41)	1,643,484 (n=36)	1,577,958 (n=33)	1,038,566 (n=32)	1,075,836 (n=50)	1,063,873 (n=35)	756,855 (n=33)	648,268 (n=53)	557,992 (n=52)
Mean, Republicans	1,024,217 (n=60)	1,330,699 (n=40)	1,491,626 (n=35)	1,453,687 (n=31)	1,289,184 (n=35)	1,179,284 (n=49)	1,311,221 (n=33)	819,980 (n=32)	658,807 (n=52)	611,846 (n=51)

Note: The data include primary and general election expenditures for major party general-election candidates only.

a. Includes one or more Independents. Independents are included only if they are incumbents or winning non-incumbents.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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	1992	1990	1988	1986	1984	1982	1980	1978	1976	1974
All Candidates										
Total expenditures	329,809,707 ^a	235,130,542 ^a	225,114,380	217,562,967	176,882,849	174,921,844	115,222,222	86,129,169	60,046,006	44,051,125
Mean expenditure	405,670 (n=813)	321,656 (n=731)	303,389 (n=742)	295,602 (n=736)	241,313 (n=733)	228,060 (n=767)	153,221 (n=752)	109,440 (n=787)	73,316 (n=819)	53,384 (n=810)
Mean, Democrats	457,994 (n=410)	350,552 (n=381)	315,399 (n=397)	301,955 (n=397)	237,732 (n=399)	213,369 (n=411)	143,277 (n=396)	108,986 (n=416)	74,563 (n=429)	53,993 (n=434)
Mean, Republicans	351,880 (n=402)	289,400 (n=349)	289,447 (n=344)	290,092 (n=340)	245,591 (n=334)	245,020 (n=356)	164,282 (n=356)	109,995 (n=371)	71,945 (n=390)	54,835 (n=376)
Incumbents										
Mean, all incumbents	590,405 ^a (n=349)	416,671 (n=405)	390,807 (n=408)	362,103 (n=389)	279,044 (n=408)	265,001 (n=383)	165,081 (n=391)	111,159 (n=377)	79,398 (n=382)	56,539 (n=382)
Mean, Democrats	615,920 (n=211)	419,417 (n=247)	374,603 (n=245)	349,918 (n=231)	279,203 (n=254)	247,573 (n=216)	158,010 (n=248)	103,519 (n=249)	73,322 (n=254)	38,743 (n=218)
Mean, Republicans	551,212 (n=137)	412,377 (n=158)	415,162 (n=163)	379,917 (n=158)	278,781 (n=154)	287,543 (n=167)	177,345 (n=143)	126,022 (n=128)	91,456 (n=128)	80,339 (n=163)
Challengers										
Mean, all challengers	166,406 (n=290)	134,415 ^a (n=270)	136,884 (n=283)	155,607 (n=262)	161,994 (n=273)	151,717 (n=270)	121,751 (n=277)	74,802 (n=299)	50,795 (n=335)	40,015 (n=323)
Mean, Democrats	142,414 (n=111)	131,269 (n=104)	163,535 (n=126)	170,562 (n=123)	124,508 (n=119)	141,390 (n=137)	93,313 (n=105)	70,948 (n=109)	46,330 (n=122)	59,266 (n=162)
Mean, Republicans	181,283 (n=179)	133,759 (n=165)	115,494 (n=157)	141,356 (n=139)	190,960 (n=154)	162,354 (n=133)	139,111 (n=172)	77,012 (n=190)	53,352 (n=213)	20,644 (n=161)
Open seats										
Mean, all open-seat candidates	433,912 (n=174)	537,266 (n=56)	527,984 (n=51)	430,484 (n=86)	361,696 (n=52)	284,476 (n=114)	201,790 (n=84)	201,049 (n=111)	124,506 (n=102)	90,426 (n=106)
Mean, Democrats	477,393 (n=88)	543,737 (n=30)	493,467 (n=26)	420,138 (n=43)	350,804 (n=26)	256,004 (n=58)	180,312 (n=43)	211,871 (n=58)	145,497 (n=53)	99,743 (n=54)
Mean, Republicans	389,420 (n=86)	529,799 (n=26)	573,573 (n=24)	440,830 (n=43)	372,589 (n=26)	314,547 (n=56)	224,116 (n=41)	189,205 (n=53)	101,802 (n=49)	80,751 (n=52)

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Table 3-3 House Campaign Expenditures: Incumbents and Challengers, Major Party General Election Candidates by Election Outcome, 1974-2012 (full cycle, mean net dollars)

	2012	2010	2008	2006	2004	2002	2000	1998	1996	1994	1992
Incumbent won with 60% or more											
<i>Incumbents</i>	1,301,736 (n= 256)	1,164,689 (n= 251)	1,114,738 (n=305)	975,047 (n=300)	869,368 ^a (n=343)	770,762 ^a (n=336)	654,887 ^a (n=326)	537,434 ^a (n=309)	521,946 ^a (n=262)	451,414 (n=263)	486,420 ^a (n=234)
Democrats	1,230,956 (n= 128)	1,169,198 (n= 109)	1,086,574 (n=197)	913,487 (n=180)	835,267 (n=166)	749,196 (n=159)	605,512 (n=167)	447,989 (n=144)	474,059 (n=124)	449,710 (n=120)	489,450 (n=138)
Republicans	1,372,516 (n= 128)	1,161,228 (n= 142)	1,166,111 (n=108)	1,067,388 (n=120)	901,868 (n=176)	790,850 (n=176)	709,989 (n=157)	616,019 (n=164)	562,219 (n=137)	452,844 (n=143)	481,074 (n=95)
<i>Challengers</i>	154,204 (n= 171)	170,932 (n=185)	243,072 (n=191)	147,072 (n=188)	184,172 (n=230)	195,274 (n=179)	152,739 (n=198)	133,148 (n=161)	104,440 (n=212)	113,943 (n=183)	86,726 (n=187)
Democrats	105,852 (n=83)	163,116 (n= 98)	216,913 (n=84)	115,477 (n=99)	164,672 (n=126)	221,500 (n=95)	166,982 (n=96)	112,388 (n=89)	97,926 (n=115)	132,598 (n=96)	76,022 (n=76)
Republicans	199,809 (n= 88)	179,736 (n= 87)	263,608 (n=107)	182,217 (n=89)	207,796 (n=104)	146,045 (n=86)	139,334 (n=102)	158,811 (n=72)	112,162 (n=96)	93,358 (n=87)	94,055 (n=111)
Incumbent won with <60%											
<i>Incumbents</i>	2,256,048 (n= 100) ^b	2,050,151 (n= 87)	1,962,637 (n=75)	1,910,840 (n=80)	1,884,901 (n=51)	1,477,582 (n=46)	1,447,392 (n=68)	1,029,650 (n=85)	992,563 (n=99)	718,490 ^a (n=85)	779,254 (n=91)
Democrats	2,030,892 (n= 28)	1,932,584 (n= 74)	2,255,795 (n=27)	2,131,343 (n=11)	1,583,537 (n=19)	1,213,166 (n=26)	1,465,364 (n=32)	1,052,776 (n=44)	919,568 (n=41)	729,774 (n=70)	828,957 (n=57)
Republicans	2,343,609 (n= 72)	2,719,380 (n= 13)	1,797,736 (n=48)	1,875,687 (n=69)	2,063,836 (n=32)	1,821,322 (n=20)	1,431,416 (n=36)	1,004,833 (n=41)	1,044,163 (n=58)	669,900 (n=14)	695,928 (n=34)
<i>Challengers</i>	928,797 (n= 95) ^b	1,145,133 (n= 87)	1,101,453 (n=75)	1,005,016 (n=79)	831,723 (n=49)	850,354 (n=43)	872,263 (n=68)	644,781 (n=86)	521,292 (n=98)	328,025 (n=85)	280,562 (n=84)
Democrats	758,652 (n= 69)	1,667,912 (n= 13)	1,011,649 (n=48)	874,970 (n=69)	842,344 (n=30)	1,207,168 (n=18)	931,770 (n=36)	672,726 (n=42)	538,147 (n=58)	479,485 (n=14)	273,077 (n=29)
Republicans	1,380,337 (n= 26)	1,053,294 (n= 74)	1,261,107 (n=27)	1,902,330 (n=10)	814,953 (n=19)	593,448 (n=25)	805,317 (n=32)	618,106 (n=44)	496,852 (n=40)	298,160 (n=71)	284,509 (n=55)
Incumbent was defeated											
<i>Incumbents</i>	3,109,662 (n= 32) ^b	2,537,954 (n= 55)	2,356,382 (n=19)	2,807,512 (n=22)	2,477,049 (n=7) ^b	1,848,559 (n=8) ^b	2,529,571 (n=6)	1,344,603 (n=6)	1,096,655 (n=21)	990,992 (n=34)	888,204 (n=24) ^b
Democrats	2,520,405 (n= 12)	2,569,867 (n= 53)	1,976,661 (n=5)	NA (n=0)	2,584,509 (n=5)	1,793,020 (n=5)	1,332,829 (n=2)	854,227 (n=1)	710,406 (n=3)	990,992 (n=34)	947,775 (n=16)
Republicans	3,463,216 (n= 20)	1,692,257 (n= 2)	2,491,997 (n=14)	2,807,512 (n=22)	2,208,400 (n=2)	1,941,124 (n=3)	3,127,942 (n=4)	1,442,678 (n=5)	1,170,502 (n=18)	NA (n=0)	769,062 (n=8)
<i>Challengers</i>	2,477,386 (n= 22) ^b	1,721,226 (n= 55)	1,988,831 (n=19)	1,836,394 (n=22)	1,670,261 (n=5)	1,603,226 (n=4)	1,980,195 (n=6)	1,148,979 (n=6)	1,088,275 (n=21)	698,489 (n=34)	445,930 (n=19)
Democrats	2,628,422 (n= 18)	1,760,914 (n= 2)	2,188,754 (n=14)	1,836,394 (n=22)	1,727,446 (n=2)	1,977,279 (n=2)	2,479,356 (n=4)	1,209,237 (n=5)	1,064,852 (n=18)	NA (n=0)	351,847 (n=6)
Republicans	1,797,724 (n= 4)	1,719,728 (n= 53)	1,429,049 (n=5)	NA (n=0)	1,632,138 (n=3)	1,229,173 (n=2)	981,874 (n=2)	847,692 (n=1)	1,231,615 (n=3)	698,489 (n=34)	489,353 (n=13)

Note: The data include primary and general election expenditures for major party general-election candidates only.

a. Includes one or more Independents. Independents are included only if they are incumbents or winning non-incumbents.

b. The N for incumbents in "Incumbent was defeated" is greater than that of challengers because some races were incumbent v. incumbent races.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.



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	1990	1988	1986	1984	1982	1980	1978	1976	1974
Incumbent won with 60% or more									
<i>Incumbents</i>	357,798 (n=313)	345,037 (n=359)	291,876 (n=330)	232,853 (n=318)	200,170 (n=264)	125,912 (n=284)	92,696 (n=287)	63,628 (n=272)	40,925 (n=251)
Democrats	367,388 (n=197)	336,606 (n=220)	293,484 (n=209)	219,506 (n=183)	206,670 (n=178)	117,773 (n=170)	85,424 (n=184)	56,937 (n=185)	35,146 (n=194)
Republicans	341,512 (n=116)	358,381 (n=139)	289,099 (n=121)	250,945 (n=135)	186,717 (n=86)	138,050 (n=114)	105,687 (n=103)	77,855 (n=87)	60,593 (n=57)
<i>Challengers</i>	60,277 (n=180)	79,000 (n=234)	92,436 (n=202)	71,922 (n=184)	82,373 (n=163)	47,525 (n=170)	34,132 (n=209)	25,492 (n=225)	16,372 (n=193)
Democrats	43,057 (n=65)	87,361 (n=102)	72,769 (n=85)	73,835 (n=99)	36,628 (n=62)	44,120 (n=75)	36,040 (n=84)	26,606 (n=81)	25,891 (n=56)
Republicans	70,009 (n=115)	72,540 (n=132)	106,724 (n=117)	69,693 (n=85)	110,454 (n=101)	50,213 (n=95)	32,850 (n=125)	24,865 (n=144)	12,481 (n=137)
Incumbent won with <60%									
<i>Incumbents</i>	607,286 (n=77)	700,009 (n=44)	785,493 (n=52)	437,752 (n=74)	394,447 (n=90)	261,901 (n=76)	161,856 (n=71)	113,939 (n=98)	80,272 (n=90)
Democrats	629,143 (n=44)	689,280 (n=23)	938,374 (n=20)	421,834 (n=58)	446,542 (n=35)	223,345 (n=50)	145,065 (n=51)	119,440 (n=62)	68,513 (n=20)
Republicans	578,143 (n=33)	711,760 (n=21)	689,943 (n=32)	495,455 (n=16)	361,295 (n=55)	336,046 (n=26)	204,674 (n=20)	104,465 (n=36)	83,632 (n=70)
<i>Challengers</i>	248,582 (n=75)	389,236 (n=44)	334,946 (n=46)	307,938 (n=72)	234,790 (n=84)	197,499 (n=76)	156,444 (n=71)	97,322 (n=98)	63,861 (n=90)
Democrats	213,907 (n=31)	441,331 (n=21)	353,939 (n=28)	386,819 (n=16)	182,232 (n=53)	195,135 (n=26)	187,290 (n=20)	77,075 (n=36)	63,134 (n=70)
Republicans	273,013 (n=44)	341,671 (n=23)	305,401 (n=18)	285,401 (n=56)	324,647 (n=31)	198,728 (n=50)	144,347 (n=51)	109,079 (n=62)	66,405 (n=20)
Incumbent was defeated									
<i>Incumbents</i>	666,647 (n=15)	956,081 (n=5)	582,647 (n=6)	463,070 (n=16)	453,459 (n=29)	286,559 (n=31)	200,607 (n=19)	154,774 (n=12)	101,102 (n=40)
Democrats	589,707 (n=6)	935,494 (n=2)	528,101 (n=1)	483,204 (n=13)	353,201 (n=3)	285,636 (n=28)	189,994 (n=14)	97,874 (n=7)	64,191 (n=4)
Republicans	717,941 (n=9)	969,806 (n=3)	593,556 (n=5)	375,824 (n=3)	465,027 (n=26)	295,170 (n=3)	230,323 (n=5)	234,435 (n=5)	105,203 (n=36)
<i>Challengers</i>	453,241 ^a (n=15)	625,120 (n=5)	455,071 (n=11)	515,622 (n=16)	296,273 (n=23)	343,093 (n=31)	217,083 (n=19)	144,720 (n=12)	100,435 (n=40)
Democrats	527,773 (n=8)	808,908 (n=3)	504,673 (n=9)	249,462 (n=3)	292,781 (n=22)	353,855 (n=4)	192,037 (n=5)	144,491 (n=5)	103,661 (n=36)
Republicans	334,444 (n=6)	349,438 (n=2)	231,864 (n=2)	577,044 (n=13)	373,093 (n=1)	341,499 (n=27)	226,028 (n=14)	144,883 (n=7)	71,404 (n=4)

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Table 3-4 House Campaign Expenditures: Open House Seats, Major Party General Election Candidates by Election Outcome, 1984-2012 (full cycle, mean net dollars)

	2012	2010	2008	2006	2004	2002	2000	1998	1996	1994	1992	1990	1988	1986	1984
All Winners	1,519,454 (n=62)	1,398,885 (n=42)	1,907,270 (n=36)	1,885,671 (n=33)	1,503,719 (n=36)	1,290,443 (n=49)	1,364,737 (n=36)	993,978 (n=34)	768,069 (n=53)	602,009 (n=52)	536,918 (n=91)	618,705 (n=30)	606,434 (n=27)	523,759 (n=46)	440,912 (n=26)
Democrats	1,780,970 (n=31)	1,285,168 (n=7)	2,175,064 (n=19)	1,765,031 (n=20)	1,455,906 (n=15)	1,237,139 (n=18)	1,303,041 (n=10)	949,685 (n=18)	749,246 (n=24)	676,437 (n=14)	505,550 (n=57)	587,804 (n=18)	551,275 (n=13)	515,570 (n=22)	428,416 (n=8)
Republicans	1,257,939 (n=31)	1,421,628 (n=35)	1,607,971 (n=17)	2,071,270 (n=13)	1,537,870 (n=21)	1,321,394 (n=31)	1,388,466 (n=26)	1,043,808 (n=16)	783,646 (n=29)	574,588 (n=38)	589,505 (n=34)	665,058 (n=12)	657,654 (n=14)	531,266 (n=24)	446,467 (n=18)
Winners with 60% or more	1,437,065 (n=33)	1,173,093 (n=26)	1,767,021 (n=11)	1,170,543 (n=15)	1,293,878 (n=20)	1,143,757 (n=24)	1,076,754 (n=14)	754,860 (n=11)	651,225 (n=18)	618,153 (n=21)	516,055 (n=44)	618,152 (n=14)	543,935 (n=11)	543,382 (n=19)	372,989 (n=8)
Democrats	1,623,438 (n=19)	840,294 (n=4)	2,206,183 (n=6)	1,216,683 (n=11)	956,768 (n=8)	1,299,407 (n=8)	968,414 (n=4)	657,743 (n=8)	593,421 (n=8)	587,314 (n=3)	395,193 (n=33)	523,728 (n=9)	391,885 (n=7)	537,552 (n=7)	290,693 (n=3)
Republicans	1,184,130 (n=14)	1,233,602 (n=22)	1,240,028 (n=5)	1,043,660 (n=4)	1,518,618 (n=12)	1,065,932 (n=16)	1,120,090 (n=10)	1,013,839 (n=3)	697,469 (n=10)	623,293 (n=18)	878,644 (n=11)	788,116 (n=5)	810,023 (n=4)	546,783 (n=12)	422,366 (n=5)
Winners with <60%	1,613,208 (n=29)	1,710,431 (n=16)	1,968,979 (n=25)	2,481,610 (n=18)	1,766,019 (n=16)	1,431,263 (n=25)	1,547,998 (n=22)	1,108,339 (n=23)	828,160 (n=35)	591,072 (n=31)	556,449 (n=47)	619,189 (n=16)	649,402 (n=16)	509,950 (n=27)	471,100 (n=18)
Democrats	2,030,394 (n=12)	1,843,009 (n=3)	2,160,701 (n=13)	2,435,235 (n=9)	2,026,350 (n=7)	1,187,325 (n=10)	1,526,125 (n=6)	1,183,239 (n=10)	827,158 (n=16)	700,743 (n=11)	657,293 (n=24)	651,880 (n=9)	737,230 (n=6)	505,312 (n=15)	511,049 (n=5)
Republicans	1,318,723 (n=17)	1,679,836 (n=13)	1,761,281 (n=12)	2,527,985 (n=9)	1,563,540 (n=9)	1,593,888 (n=15)	1,556,201 (n=16)	1,050,724 (n=13)	829,003 (n=19)	530,754 (n=20)	451,221 (n=23)	577,159 (n=7)	596,706 (n=10)	515,749 (n=12)	455,736 (n=13)
All losers	610,298 (n=56)	872,500 (n=39)	1,220,303 (n=35)	1,126,122 (n=31)	781,345 (n=31)	955,544 (n=47)	980,479 (n=32)	561,945 (n=31)	536,703 (n=52)	566,966 (n=51)	320,997 (n=83)	443,297 (n=26)	439,728 (n=24)	323,718 (n=40)	282,480 (n=26)
Democrats	434,065 (n=27)	911,579 (n=34)	1,049,366 (n=17)	1,290,154 (n=13)	670,325 (n=17)	982,176 (n=31)	968,206 (n=25)	525,458 (n=15)	564,701 (n=29)	514,354 (n=38)	425,618 (n=31)	477,638 (n=12)	435,660 (n=13)	320,161 (n=21)	316,309 (n=18)
Republicans	774,376 (n=29)	694,196 (n=5)	1,381,744 (n=18)	1,007,655 (n=18)	916,156 (n=14)	903,944 (n=16)	1,024,312 (n=7)	596,152 (n=16)	501,401 (n=23)	720,753 (n=13)	258,595 (n=52)	413,862 (n=14)	455,860 (n=10)	326,596 (n=19)	206,363 (n=8)
Losers with >40%	1,079,601 (n=27)	1,426,952 (n=16)	1,550,804 (n=25)	1,684,233 (n=18)	1,373,472 (n=16)	1,221,532 (n=25)	1,470,378 (n=20)	762,097 (n=22)	652,323 (n=35)	683,257 (n=31)	449,666 (n=47)	465,767 (n=16)	565,182 (n=16)	360,978 (n=23)	352,961 (n=18)
Democrats	730,985 (n=14)	1,493,830 (n=13)	1,401,339 (n=12)	1,792,526 (n=9)	1,063,167 (n=9)	1,121,145 (n=15)	1,545,889 (n=15)	620,288 (n=12)	657,299 (n=19)	596,359 (n=20)	472,034 (n=23)	435,365 (n=8)	505,609 (n=9)	294,362 (n=10)	393,262 (n=13)
Republicans	1,455,034 (n=13)	1,137,144 (n=3)	1,688,772 (n=13)	1,575,940 (n=9)	1,772,435 (n=7)	1,372,113 (n=10)	1,243,844 (n=5)	932,269 (n=10)	646,414 (n=16)	841,253 (n=11)	428,230 (n=24)	496,168 (n=8)	693,525 (n=6)	412,220 (n=13)	248,180 (n=5)
Losers with 40% or less	173,360 (n=29)	505,802 (n=23)	394,050 (n=10)	353,353 (n=13)	149,744 (n=15)	625,350 (n=22)	163,982 (n=12)	72,685 (n=9)	298,660 (n=17)	386,715 (n=20)	152,967 (n=36)	407,346 (n=10)	188,819 (n=8)	193,794 (n=15)	123,896 (n=8)
Democrats	114,305 (n=13)	551,138 (n=21)	204,629 (n=5)	159,815 (n=4)	228,378 (n=8)	851,892 (n=16)	101,682 (n=10)	146,137 (n=3)	388,764 (n=10)	423,239 (n=18)	292,173 (n=8)	562,183 (n=4)	278,276 (n=4)	228,939 (n=9)	116,232 (n=5)
Republicans	221,342 (n=16)	29,773 (n=2)	583,470 (n=5)	439,370 (n=9)	59,876 (n=7)	123,663 (n=6)	475,481 (n=2)	35,959 (n=6)	169,941 (n=7)	58,005 (n=2)	113,194 (n=28)	304,122 (n=6)	99,363 (n=4)	141,077 (n=6)	136,668 (n=3)

Note: The data include primary and general election expenditures for major party general-election candidates only.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-5 Senate Campaign Expenditures: Major Party General Election Candidates, 1974-2012 (full cycle, net dollars)

	2012	2010	2008	2006	2004	2002	2000	1998	1996	1994
All candidates										
Total expenditures	587,532,049	568,193,547 ^c	389,348,721	514,937,502 ^a	367,514,648	281,529,788	384,591,165	249,184,622	230,420,000	279,483,211
Mean expenditure	9,325,906 (n=63)	8,002,726 (n=71)	5,899,223 (n=66)	7,922,115 (n=65)	5,404,627 (n=68)	4,540,803 (n=62)	5,827,139 (n=66)	3,775,525 (n=66)	3,544,918 (n=65)	3,992,617 (n=70)
Mean, Democrats	10,809,482 (n=28)	7,133,000 (n=32)	5,867,841 (n=34)	8,609,875 (n=31)	5,625,326 (n=34)	4,602,810 (n=30)	6,095,450 (n=33)	3,481,733 (n=34)	3,385,904 (n=32)	3,394,769 (n=35)
Mean, Republicans	8,464,453 (n=33)	8,587,602 (n=38)	5,932,567 (n=32)	7,035,429 (n=32)	5,183,929 (n=34)	4,482,671 (n=32)	5,558,828 (n=33)	4,087,678 (n=32)	3,699,114 (n=33)	4,590,465 (n=35)
Incumbents										
Mean, all incumbents	10,700,957 ^a (n=22)	9,519,592 (n=23)	7,753,323 (n=30)	9,426,175 (n=29)	6,566,787 (n=26)	4,535,740 (n=27)	4,530,693 (n=29)	4,728,639 (n=29)	4,233,304 (n=20)	7,672,755 (n=26)
Mean, Democrats	11,271,301 (n=15)	12,600,970 (n=12)	6,349,119 (n=12)	9,560,029 (n=14)	7,418,068 (n=14)	6,142,399 (n=12)	3,672,975 (n=11)	4,560,721 (n=15)	5,207,602 (n=7)	5,152,998 (n=16)
Mean, Republicans	10,616,741 (n=6)	6,158,089 (n=11)	8,689,459 (n=18)	8,758,947 (n=14)	5,573,627 (n=12)	3,250,414 (n=15)	5,054,855 (n=18)	4,908,551 (n=14)	3,708,682 (n=13)	3,904,368 (n=10)
Challengers										
Mean, all challengers	7,226,119 (n=19)	5,260,056 (n=20)	3,792,399 (n=26)	5,659,763 (n=28)	2,425,098 (n=26)	2,885,335 (n=21)	3,153,464 (n=27)	3,144,244 (n=27)	3,109,930 (n=17)	3,997,011 (n=26)
Mean, Democrats	18,085,797 (n=3)	1,793,580 (n=7)	5,103,524 (n=17)	7,129,691 (n=14)	1,554,631 (n=12)	2,182,146 (n=11)	3,281,655 (n=17)	2,615,103 (n=14)	2,920,075 (n=11)	1,226,228 (n=10)
Mean, Republicans	5,189,930 (n=16)	7,126,620 (n=13)	1,315,831 (n=9)	4,189,836 ^b (n=14)	3,171,212 (n=14)	3,658,843 (n=10)	2,935,540 (n=10)	3,714,088 (n=13)	3,457,997 (n=6)	5,703,750 (n=16)
Open seats										
Mean, all Open	9,764,306 ^a (n=22)	8,715,779 (n=28)	5,814,666 (n=10)	10,388,132 ^a (n=8)	8,357,852 (n=16)	7,033,769 (n=14)	16,805,752 (n=10)	2,715,951 (n=10)	3,317,314 (n=28)	3,003,850 (n=18)
Mean, Democrats	7,933,859 (n=10)	4,960,716 (n=13)	7,311,451 (n=5)	11,083,353 (n=3)	8,594,068 (n=8)	5,767,416 (n=7)	20,991,796 (n=5)	2,671,336 (n=5)	2,841,062 (n=14)	2,634,075 (n=9)
Mean, Republicans	12,053,421 (n=11)	11,853,130 (n=14)	4,317,880 (n=5)	10,962,693 (n=4)	8,121,636 (n=8)	8,300,122 (n=7)	12,619,707 (n=5)	2,760,565 (n=5)	3,793,565 (n=14)	3,373,624 (n=9)

Note: The data include primary and general election expenditures for major party general-election candidates only.

a. Includes one or more Independents.

b. Alan Schlesinger (CT-Rep) is not included in the data. He raised \$221,019 and was third in the voting.

c. 2010 data includes Charlie Crist (FL) who started as a Republican and finished second as an Independent in the Florida Senate race. 2010 does not include Democrats McAdams (AK) and Meek (FL) who finished third in their respective races.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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	1992	1990	1988	1986	1984	1982	1980	1978	1976	1974
All candidates										
Total expenditures	194,322,039	173,370,282	184,695,501	183,432,489	141,962,276	114,036,379	74,163,669	64,695,510	38,108,745	28,436,308
Mean expenditure	2,816,261 (n=69)	2,587,616 (n=67)	2,798,417 (n=66)	2,737,798 (n=67)	2,327,250 (n=61)	1,781,815 (n=64)	1,106,920 (n=67)	951,405 (n=68)	595,499 (n=64)	437,482 (n=65)
Mean, Democrats	2,813,701 (n=35)	2,465,285 (n=34)	2,930,305 (n=33)	2,260,415 (n=33)	2,160,637 (n=31)	1,881,379 (n=32)	1,170,580 (n=34)	762,831 (n=35)	569,902 (n=33)	487,775 (n=34)
Mean, Republicans	2,818,898 (n=34)	2,713,654 (n=33)	2,666,529 (n=33)	3,201,141 (n=34)	2,499,417 (n=30)	1,682,252 (n=32)	1,041,332 (n=33)	1,151,407 (n=33)	616,635 (n=30)	382,343 (n=31)
Incumbents										
Mean, all incumbents	3,708,456 (n=27)	3,577,980 (n=32)	3,748,132 (n=27)	3,374,602 (n=28)	2,539,929 (n=28)	1,858,140 (n=29)	1,301,692 (n=25)	1,341,942 (n=22)	623,809 (n=25)	555,714 (n=25)
Mean, Democrats	2,849,946 (n=15)	3,616,906 (n=17)	3,457,144 (n=15)	2,712,796 (n=9)	1,755,004 (n=12)	1,696,226 (n=18)	1,355,660 (n=19)	618,211 (n=11)	503,111 (n=17)	525,766 (n=15)
Mean, Republicans	4,781,593 (n=12)	3,533,864 (n=15)	4,111,866 (n=12)	3,688,089 (n=19)	3,128,622 (n=16)	2,123,089 (n=11)	1,130,792 (n=6)	2,065,674 (n=11)	891,342 (n=7)	600,636 (n=10)
Challengers										
Mean, all challengers	1,824,993 (n=26)	1,699,247 (n=29)	1,817,161 (n=27)	1,899,417 (n=27)	1,241,434 (n=25)	1,217,034 (n=29)	842,547 (n=24)	697,766 (n=21)	452,275 (n=23)	332,579 (n=22)
Mean, Democrats	2,550,724 (n=12)	1,395,011 (n=14)	2,154,283 (n=12)	1,911,693 (n=18)	1,515,412 (n=15)	1,516,015 (n=11)	557,006 (n=6)	830,282 (n=11)	645,441 (n=8)	390,297 (n=10)
Mean, Republicans	1,202,034 (n=14)	1,983,202 (n=15)	1,547,464 (n=15)	1,874,864 (n=9)	830,466 (n=10)	1,034,324 (n=18)	937,727 (n=18)	551,999 (n=10)	349,253 (n=15)	284,480 (n=12)
Open seats										
Mean, all Open	2,922,286 (n=16)	1,599,459 (n=6)	2,869,383 (n=12)	3,138,282 (n=12)	4,976,051 (n=8)	4,142,687 (n=6)	1,132,560 (n=18)	820,787 (n=25)	756,951 (n=16)	401,484 (n=18)
Mean, Democrats	3,140,205 (n=8)	934,046 (n=3)	3,165,250 (n=6)	2,628,009 (n=6)	5,797,131 (n=4)	4,331,959 (n=3)	1,188,903 (n=9)	828,127 (n=13)	636,295 (n=8)	532,691 (n=9)
Mean, Republicans	2,704,366 (n=8)	2,264,872 (n=3)	2,573,516 (n=6)	3,648,555 (n=6)	4,154,971 (n=4)	3,953,415 (n=3)	1,076,218 (n=9)	812,835 (n=12)	877,606 (n=8)	270,277 (n=9)

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Table 3-6 Senate Campaign Expenditures: Incumbents and Challengers, Major Party General Election Candidates by Election Outcome, 1980-2012 (full cycle, mean)

	2012	2010	2008	2006	2004	2002	2000	1998	1996	1994
Incumbent won with 60% or more										
<i>Incumbents</i>	7,117,061 ^a (n=12)	7,206,925 (n=13)	5,007,322 (n=17)	6,681,589 (n=17)	4,710,449 (n=18)	3,287,355 (n=16)	3,421,925 (n=20)	2,640,723 (n=19)	2,418,451 (n=6)	3,610,535 (n=10)
Democrats	8,087,526 (n=8)	8,495,966 (n=5)	5,808,535 (n=10)	8,661,938 (n=11)	5,741,981 (n=10)	4,779,508 (n=6)	3,359,248 (n=10)	3,131,344 (n=9)	2,266,951 (n=2)	1,735,768 (n=3)
Republicans	6,017,810 (n=3)	6,401,274 (n=8)	3,862,732 (n=7)	3,050,950 (n=6)	3,421,034 (n=8)	2,392,063 (n=10)	3,484,603 (n=10)	2,199,165 (n=10)	2,494,201 (n=4)	4,414,006 (n=7)
<i>Challengers</i>	1,411,351 (n=10)	1,450,544 (n=10)	1,159,873 (n=13)	2,255,831 (n=16)	1,001,610 (n=18)	849,543 (n=10)	764,569 (n=18)	447,843 (n=17)	762,003 (n=3)	1,002,306 (n=10)
Democrats	420,779 (n=1)	1,869,908 (n=5)	1,588,229 (n=6)	398,864 (n=5)	211,821 (n=8)	909,843 (n=6)	486,019 (n=9)	292,748 (n=10)	479,791 (n=2)	1,365,651 (n=7)
Republicans	1,521,415 (n=9)	1,031,180 (n=5)	792,710 (n=7)	3,099,908 (n=11)	1,633,441 (n=10)	759,091 (n=4)	1,043,118 (n=9)	669,406 (n=7)	1,326,427 (n=1)	154,500 (n=3)
Incumbent won with <60%										
<i>Incumbents</i>	12,773,107 (n=9)	12,271,341 ^c (n=8)	10,943,005 (n=8)	12,579,501 ^a (n=6)	9,424,745 (n=7)	5,424,130 (n=8)	5,738,301 (n=3)	6,609,358 (n=7)	5,052,842 (n=13)	5,312,041 (n=14)
Democrats	14,909,900 (n=7)	16,328,389 (n=5)	9,052,039 (n=2)	12,853,029 (n=3)	8,819,323 (n=3)	5,905,346 (n=4)	- (n=0)	6,619,822 (n=5)	6,383,863 (n=5)	6,020,368 (n=11)
Republicans	5,294,331 (n=2)	5,509,594 (n=3)	11,573,327 (n=6)	10,012,253 (n=2)	9,878,811 (n=4)	4,942,914 (n=4)	5,738,301 (n=3)	6,583,197 (n=2)	4,220,954 (n=8)	2,715,212 (n=3)
<i>Challengers</i>	10,121,385 (n=8)	9,032,104 (n=8)	4,291,294 (n=8)	10,356,810 ^b (n=6)	4,337,629 (n=7)	2,570,080 (n=8)	2,757,598 (n=3)	4,932,471 (n=7)	3,660,942 (n=13)	5,546,353 (n=14)
Democrats	11,624,934 (n=1)	1,602,760 (n=2)	4,672,807 (n=6)	12,527,378 (n=3)	4,240,253 (n=4)	2,466,826 (n=4)	2,757,598 (n=3)	4,304,098 (n=2)	3,521,336 (n=8)	1,034,241 (n=3)
Republicans	9,906,592 (n=7)	11,508,552 (n=6)	3,146,756 (n=2)	8,186,241 (n=3)	4,467,463 (n=3)	2,673,335 (n=4)	- (n=0)	5,183,821 (n=5)	3,884,311 (n=5)	6,776,929 (n=11)
Incumbent was defeated										
<i>Incumbents</i>	35,058,354 (n=1)	13,544,935 (n=2)	11,986,236 (n=5)	14,049,176 (n=6)	19,975,170 (n=1)	8,824,759 (n=3)	7,622,785 (n=6)	13,563,761 (n=3)	4,468,434 (n=1)	5,508,854 (n=2)
Democrats	0 (n=0)	13,544,935 (n=2)	- (n=0)	- (n=0)	19,975,170 (n=1)	10,705,177 (n=2)	6810252 (n=1)	7,129,612 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	5,508,854 (n=2)
Republicans	35,058,354 (n=1)	0 (n=0)	11,986,236 (n=5)	14,049,176 (n=6)	- (n=0)	5,063,923 (n=1)	7,785,291 (n=5)	16,780,836 (n=2)	4,468,434 (n=1)	NA (n=0)
<i>Challengers</i>	42,211,677 (n=1)	9,219,425 (n=2)	9,838,737 (n=5)	10,039,869 (n=6)	14,660,167 (n=1)	4,698,340 (n=3)	10,518,085 (n=6)	14,251,319 (n=3)	2,990,554 (n=1)	8,125,137 (n=2)
Democrats	42,211,677 (n=1)	0 (n=0)	9,838,737 (n=5)	10,039,869 (n=6)	NA (n=0)	3,629,022 (n=1)	8,628,233 (n=5)	12,537,880 (n=2)	2,990,554 (n=1)	NA (n=0)
Republicans	0 (n=0)	9,219,425 (n=2)	NA (n=0)	NA (n=0)	14,660,167 (n=1)	5,232,999 (n=2)	19,967,341 (n=1)	17,678,198 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	8,125,137 (n=2)

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a. Includes one or more Independents. Independents are included only if they are incumbents or winning non-incumbents.

b. Alan Schlesinger (CT-Rep) is not included in the data. He raised \$221,019 and was third in the voting.

c. The Incumbents and Challengers in the category "Incumbent won with < 60%" are unbalanced due to the Alaska race which featured a Republican Incumbent and Challenger. The Democrat (McAdams) finished third and is not included.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-6 net dollars)

	1992	1990	1988	1986	1984	1982	1980	1978	1976	1974
Incumbent won with 60% or more										
<i>Incumbents</i>	2,695,624 (n=13)	2,314,689 (n=19)	2,733,348 (n=15)	1,963,140 (n=14)	1,612,152 (n=18)	1,494,578 (n=13)	1,162,385 (n=10)	456,062 (n=7)	340,362 (n=11)	447,234 (n=11)
Democrats	2,661,397 (n=9)	2,439,405 (n=10)	2,320,232 (n=10)	1,672,182 (n=8)	1,620,869 (n=7)	1,401,794 (n=12)	1,220,616 (n=6)	559,046 (n=4)	340,362 (n=11)	447,234 (n=11)
Republicans	2,772,633 (n=4)	2,176,116 (n=9)	3,559,581 (n=5)	2,351,083 (n=6))	1,606,604 (n=11)	2,607,983 (n=1)	1,075,038 (n=4)	318,749 (n=3)	- -	- -
<i>Challengers</i>	701,442 (n=12)	844,346 (n=16)	581,494 (n=15)	451,671 (n=13)	384,263 (n=15)	777,830 (n=13)	302,812 (n=9)	47,346 (n=6)	171,997 (n=9)	222,955 (n=8)
Democrats	595,192 (n=4)	438,732 (n=8)	805,077 (n=5)	155,853 (n=5)	322,263 (n=10)	424,507 (n=1)	265,822 (n=4)	38,458 (n=3)	- -	- -
Republicans	754,568 (n=8)	1,249,961 (n=8)	469,702 (n=10)	636,557 (n=8)	508,264 (n=5)	807,276 (n=12)	332,404 (n=5)	56,233 (n=3)	171,997 (n=9)	222,955 (n=8)
Incumbent won with <60%										
<i>Incumbents</i>	4,550,595 (n=10)	5,273,925 (n=12)	6,235,198 (n=8)	5,213,789 (n=7)	4,505,574 (n=7)	2,224,235 (n=14)	945,423 (n=6)	2,496,483 (n=8)	503,773 (n=5)	567,597 (n=14)
Democrats	2,841,405 (n=4)	5,299,049 (n=7)	6,829,055 (n=4)	11,037,707 (n=1)	1,833,432 (n=4)	2,417,100 (n=5)	796,984 (n=4)	586,055 (n=2)	1,237,910 (n=1)	741,729 (n=4)
Republicans	5,690,055 (n=6)	5,238,751 (n=5)	5,641,341 (n=4)	4,243,136 (n=6)	8,068,429 (n=3)	2,117,088 (n=9)	1,242,300 (n=2)	3,133,293 (n=6)	320,239 (n=4)	497,945 (n=10)
<i>Challengers</i>	2,283,708 (n=10)	2,865,673 (n=12)	3,784,451 (n=8)	3,389,477 (n=7)	2,296,194 (n=7)	1,615,338 (n=14)	864,870 (n=6)	1,075,965 (n=8)	358,964 (n=5)	298,133 (n=14)
Democrats	3,032,533 (n=6)	2,927,948 (n=5)	3,209,075 (n=4)	1,990,836 (n=6)	4,028,715 (n=3)	1,629,490 (n=9)	1,139,376 (n=2)	1,212,929 (n=6)	282,441 (n=4)	254,374 (n=10)
Republicans	1,160,471 (n=4)	2,821,191 (n=7)	4,359,826 (n=4)	11,781,316 (n=1)	996,804 (n=4)	1,589,864 (n=5)	727,617 (n=4)	332,537 (n=2)	665,058 (n=1)	407,531 (n=4)
Incumbent was defeated										
<i>Incumbents</i>	4,894,814 (n=4)	7,229,154 (n=1)	2,579,437 (n=4)	4,358,340 (n=7)	3,520,088 (n=3)	1,658,623 (n=2)	1,693,991 (n=9)	908,348 (n=7)	983,196 (n=9)	513,456 (n=2)
Democrats	3,751,500 (n=2)	NA (n=0)	1,338,622 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	2,380,239 (n=1)	1,625,042 (n=1)	1,693,991 (n=9)	678,406 (n=5)	714,201 (n=5)	NA (n=0)
Republicans	6,074,128 (n=2)	7,229,154 (n=1)	2,993,042 (n=3)	4,358,340 (n=7)	4,090,013 (n=2)	1,692,204 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	1,483,203 (n=2)	1,319,440 (n=4)	513,456 (n=2)
<i>Challengers</i>	4,045,732 (n=4)	1,380,560 (n=1)	2,516,337 (n=4)	3,098,027 (n=7)	3,066,175 (n=3)	793,123 (n=2)	1,367,400 (n=9)	918,054 (n=7)	784,392 (n=9)	679,614 (n=2)
Democrats	5,016,438 (n=2)	1,380,560 (n=1)	2,996,572 (n=3)	3,098,027 (n=7)	3,711,199 (n=2)	1,586,245 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	870,079 (n=2)	1,008,440 (n=4)	679,614 (n=2)
Republicans	3,075,026 (n=2)	NA (n=0)	1,075,631 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	1,776,128 (n=1)	981,197 (n=1)	1,367,400 (n=9)	937,244 (n=5)	605,153 (n=5)	NA (n=0)

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Table 3-7 Senate Expenditures: Open Senate Seats, Major Party General Election Candidates, by Election Outcome, 1986-2012 (full cycle, mean net dollars)

	2012	2010	2008	2006	2004	2002	2000	1998	1996	1994	1992	1990	1988	1986
All winners	9,002,453 ^c (n=11)	8,748,313 (n=14)	8,127,925 (n=5)	10,566,377 ^c (n=4)	9,853,572 (n=8)	7,202,893 (n=7)	21,625,081 (n=5)	3,820,837 (n=5)	3,582,000 (n=14)	3,378,624 (n=9)	3,338,507 (n=8)	2,264,872 (n=3)	3,779,715 (n=6)	3,827,158 (n=7)
Democrats	9,540,989 (n=7)	5,496,821 (n=3)	11,074,580 (n=3)	8,847,675 (n=2)	12,129,704 (n=2)	2,926,239 (n=1)	25,627,472 (n=4)	3,518,576 (n=2)	4,532,955 (n=5)	0 (n=0)	4,177,040 (n=5)	0 (n=0)	5,186,633 (n=2)	2,714,673 (n=4)
Republicans	9,783,848 (n=3)	9,635,083 (n=11)	3,707,943 (n=2)	18,565,935 (n=1)	9,094,861 (n=6)	7,915,668 (n=6)	5,615,514 (n=1)	4,022,354 (n=3)	3,053,692 (n=9)	3,378,624 (n=9)	1,940,951 (n=3)	2,264,872 (n=3)	3,076,256 (n=4)	5,310,471 (n=3)
Winners with 60% or more	4,243,614 ^c (n=2)	7,277,797 (n=5)	7,996,916 (n=3)	7,512,141 ^c (n=2)	10,789,785 (n=2)	NA (n=0)	NA (n=0)	2,739,093 (n=2)	2,518,955 (n=2)	2,754,664 (n=4)	1,191,005 (n=1)	1,535,352 (n=2)	1,879,272 (n=2)	2,216,412 (n=2)
Democrats	5,598,705 (n=1)	0 (n=0)	10,178,089 (n=2)	9,020,059 (n=1)	14,372,856 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	NA (n=0)	3,914,375 (n=1)	2,732,011 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	1,191,005 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	2,881,666 (n=1)	2,057,422 (n=1)
Republicans	n/a (n=0)	7,277,797 (n=5)	3,634,570 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	7,206,714 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	NA (n=0)	1,563,811 (n=1)	2,305,898 (n=1)	2,754,644 (n=4)	NA (n=0)	1,535,352 (n=2)	876,877 (n=1)	2,375,402 (n=1)
Winners with <60%	10,059,973 (n=9)	9,565,266 (n=9)	8,324,439 (n=2)	13,620,613 (n=2)	9,541,501 (n=6)	7,202,893 (n=7)	21,625,081 ^a (n=5)	4,542,000 (n=3)	3,759,175 (n=12)	3,868,793 (n=5)	3,645,293 (n=7)	3,723,911 (n=1)	4,729,937 (n=4)	4,471,457 (n=5)
Democrats	10,198,036 (n=6)	5,496,821 (n=3)	12,867,562 (n=1)	8,675,291 (n=1)	9,886,551 (n=1)	2,926,239 (n=1)	25,627,472 (n=4)	3,122,776 (n=1)	4,983,191 (n=4)	NA (n=0)	4,923,549 (n=4)	NA (n=0)	7,491,600 (n=1)	2,933,757 (n=3)
Republicans	9,783,848 (n=3)	11,599,489 (n=6)	3,781,316 (n=1)	18,565,935 (n=1)	9,472,491 (n=5)	7,915,668 (n=6)	5,615,514 (n=1)	5,251,613 (n=2)	3,147,166 (n=8)	3,868,793 (n=5)	1,940,951 (n=3)	3,723,911 (n=1)	3,809,383 (n=3)	6,778,006 (n=2)
All losers	10,526,159 (n=11)	8,683,245 ^c (n=14)	3,501,406 (n=5)	10,209,886 (n=4)	6,862,133 (n=8)	6,864,645 (n=7)	11,986,423 ^b (n=5)	1,611,064 (n=5)	3,052,627 (n=14)	2,634,075 (n=9)	2,506,064 (n=8)	934,046 (n=3)	1,959,051 (n=6)	2,952,009 (n=7)
Democrats	4,183,888 (n=3)	4,799,884 (n=10)	1,666,759 (n=2)	15,554,709 (n=1)	7,415,523 (n=6)	6,240,945 (n=6)	2,449,093 (n=1)	2,106,510 (n=3)	1,901,122 (n=9)	2,634,075 (n=9)	1,412,146 (n=3)	934,046 (n=3)	2,154,558 (n=4)	2,181,463 (n=3)
Republicans	12,904,510 (n=8)	19,985,969 (n=3)	4,724,505 (n=3)	8,428,279 (n=3)	5,201,962 (n=2)	10,606,843 (n=1)	14,370,756 (n=4)	867,896 (n=2)	5,125,336 (n=5)	NA (n=0)	3,162,415 (n=5)	NA (n=0)	1,568,036 (n=2)	3,529,919 (n=4)
Losers with >40%	12,074,270 (n=9)	11,410,932 (n=9)	4,558,708 (n=2)	11,885,985 (n=2)	7,913,929 (n=6)	6,862,710 (n=7)	11,986,423 (n=5)	2,390,365 (n=3)	3,439,376 (n=12)	2,802,500 (n=5)	2,792,915 (n=7)	1,936,914 (n=1)	2,730,542 (n=4)	3,686,638 (n=5)
Democrats	4,183,888 (n=3)	7,123,413 (n=6)	1,911,771 (n=1)	15,554,709 (n=1)	7,924,995 (n=5)	6,240,945 (n=6)	2,449,093 (n=1)	3,039,044 (n=2)	2,051,827 (n=8)	2,802,500 (n=5)	1,412,146 (n=3)	1,936,914 (n=1)	2,689,441 (n=3)	3,006,346 (n=2)
Republicans	16,019,461 (n=6)	19,985,969 (n=3)	7,205,644 (n=1)	8,217,260 (n=1)	7,858,598 (n=1)	10,606,843 (n=1)	14,370,756 (n=4)	1,093,007 (n=1)	6,214,473 (n=4)	NA (n=0)	3,828,492 (n=4)	NA (n=0)	2,853,842 (n=1)	4,140,166 (n=3)
Losers with 40% or less	3,559,658 (n=2)	3,773,408 ^c (n=5)	2,796,539 (n=3)	8,533,788 (n=2)	3,706,745 (n=2)	NA (n=0)	NA (n=0)	442,114 (n=2)	732,136 (n=2)	2,423,544 (n=4)	498,107 (n=1)	432,613 (n=2)	416,069 (n=2)	1,115,437 (n=2)
Democrats	n/a (n=0)	1,314,591 (n=4)	1,421,746 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	4,868,165 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	NA (n=0)	241,443 (n=1)	695,482 (n=1)	2,423,544 (n=4)	NA (n=0)	432,613 (n=2)	549,908 (n=1)	531,698 (n=1)
Republicans	3,559,658 (n=2)	NA (n=0)	3,483,935 (n=2)	8,533,788 (n=2)	2,545,325 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	NA (n=0)	642,784 (n=1)	768,789 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	498,107 (n=1)	NA (n=0)	282,229 (n=1)	1,699,175 (n=1)

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a. Jon Corzine (D-NJ) spent \$63,209,506. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) spent \$29,871,577. Excluding these candidates, the remaining winners (n=3) in open Senate seats spent an average of \$5,014,773. For Democrats the average would be \$4,714,403 (n=2). The Republican figure would be unchanged.

b. Rick Lazio spent \$40,576,273. Excluding him from the candidates who lost with more than 40%, the average for all candidates would be \$4,838,961 (n=4). The average for Republican candidates would be \$5,635,583 (n=3). The average for Democrats would be unchanged.

c. Includes one or more Independents.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-8 Campaign Funding Sources: House and Senate Major Party General Election Candidates, 1984-2012

Party and Candidate Status	Number of candidates	Contributions plus party coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates (\$ millions)	Percentage of funding from				
			Individuals	PAC's	Party (contributions plus coordinated expenditures)	Candidate to self (contributions plus loans)	Other
House, 2012							
All candidates	784	970.9	56	35	1	5	3
All Democrats	390	414.4	57	35	1	5	2
Incumbents	162	231.3	49	48	1	1	2
Challengers	170	112.9	67	17	3	12	2
Open Seats	58	70.3	64	23	1	10	1
All Republicans	394	556.5	56	34	1	4	4
Incumbents	216	428.8	54	39	1	1	5
Challengers	118	62.9	63	12	3	21	1
Open Seats	60	64.9	62	22	2	11	3
Senate, 2012							
All candidates	61	491.8	67	13	3	13	4
All Democrats	28	287.1	77	14	3	2	4
Incumbents	15	153.1	71	18	3	3	5
Challengers	3	53.3	91	5	2	1	2
Open Seats	10	80.7	80	12	4	0	3
All Republicans	33	204.7	57	11	3	25	4
Incumbents	6	59.1	69	22	1	0	8
Challengers	16	62.8	63	6	4	21	6
Open Seats	11	82.8	47	9	3	38	2
House, 2010							
All candidates	799	949.3	57	33	2	6	2
All Democrats	388	469.9	54	40	2	2	2
Incumbents	236	385.7	51	45	2	1	2
Challengers	111	42.3	71	11	1	12	5
Open Seats	41	41.8	69	22	2	7	1
All Republicans	411	479.4	60	27	2	9	3
Incumbents	157	228.1	55	40	1	1	4
Challengers	214	195.1	64	12	4	18	2
Open Seats	40	56.2	65	23	2	9	2
Senate, 2010							
All candidates	72	597.6	61	13	6	13	7
All Democrats	34	242.3	70	15	6	3	7
Incumbents	12	147.5	71	17	5	1	6
Challengers	8	14.1	67	12	7	12	2
Open Seats	14	80.7	68	12	7	4	9
All Republicans	38	355.3	55	12	5	21	8
Incumbents	11	74.0	52	27	1	0	20
Challengers	13	102.4	64	4	7	19	6
Open Seats	14	178.9	51	10	6	30	3
House, 2008							
All candidates	754	845.2	54	36	1	5	4
All Democrats	410	476.7	53	39	1	5	2
Incumbents	227	316.0	48	49	0	0	3
Challengers	146	98.8	67	17	1	14	1
Open Seats	38	62.0	56	27	1	15	2
All Republicans	344	370.6	55	32	2	8	3
Incumbents	170	243.8	52	41	1	1	5
Challengers	137	66.8	66	11	3	19	1
Open Seats	37	60.0	55	18	3	24	0
Senate, 2008							
All candidates	66	399.2	63	19	2	3	12
All Democrats	34	210.5	65	16	2	1	16
Incumbents	12	83.7	53	25	1	2	19
Challengers	17	90.7	71	8	3	1	17
Open Seats	5	36.2	77	17	1	1	5
All Republicans	32	188.6	60	23	3	5	9
Incumbents	18	154.0	59	25	3	4	9
Challengers	9	12.5	68	6	4	16	6
Open Seats	5	22.2	66	19	2	3	10

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House, 2006							
All candidates	815	777.8	54	35	1	5	5
All Democrats	427	375.5	58	33	1	4	4
Incumbents	191	205.9	49	45	1	1	5
Challengers	203	115.3	70	16	2	9	3
Open Seats	33	54.3	66	20	1	8	5
All Republicans	388	402.3	51	38	1	5	5
Incumbents	211	318.4	50	43	1	1	5
Challengers	144	36.2	56	10	2	27	5
Open Seats	33	47.7	52	23	3	16	6
Senate, 2006							
All candidates	65	530.9	67	13	3	13	5
All Democrats	31	275.5	70	11	2	13	3
Incumbents	14	141.3	76	15	2	4	3
Challengers	14	101.7	59	6	3	29	3
Open Seats	3	32.5	82	11	1	0	6
All Republicans	32	230.2	60	16	4	15	6
Incumbents	14	125.4	65	23	4	1	7
Challengers	14	61.2	54	5	4	34	3
Open Seats	4	43.6	55	10	3	26	5
House, 2004							
All candidates	812	609.5	55	35	2	4	4
All Democrats	403	274.1	56	34	2	5	3
Incumbents	193	190.5	55	41	1	0	4
Challengers	177	50.4	69	15	2	20	4
Open Seats	33	33.2	63	26	4	7	0
All Republicans	409	335.4	54	36	2	4	4
Incumbents	210	246.5	53	42	1	1	4
Challengers	163	41.5	67	13	6	11	4
Open Seats	36	47.4	50	25	6	14	5
Senate, 2004							
All candidates	69	367.0	69	16	5	3	7
All Democrats	35	194.7	73	14	5	2	5
Incumbents	14	103.3	73	18	5	0	5
Challengers	12	18.6	77	10	4	4	5
Open Seats	9	72.8	73	9	7	6	6
All Republicans	34	172.3	64	18	6	4	9
Incumbents	12	65.6	63	29	3	0	5
Challengers	14	45.3	69	7	5	14	5
Open Seats	8	61.4	61	14	8	2	14
House, 2002							
All candidates	807	556.7	49	36	2	9	4
All Democrats	400	273.2	46	36	2	12	5
Incumbents	193	170.1	48	45	1	0	5
Challengers	161	53.7	41	16	2	38	3
Open Seats	46	49.5	45	24	2	25	4
All Republicans	407	283.5	51	35	3	6	5
Incumbents	199	192.4	50	43	1	1	5
Challengers	162	33.1	58	12	7	20	3
Open Seats	46	58.1	49	25	5	17	4
Senate, 2002							
All candidates	69	300.5	63	19	5	8	6
All Democrats	33	139.9	68	17	2	8	6
Incumbents	12	72.8	71	22	1	< 1	6
Challengers	17	36.3	69	13	2	11	5
Open Seats	4	30.8	59	8	3	24	7
All Republicans	36	160.6	58	21	7	7	7
Incumbents	15	51.8	55	36	4	0	5
Challengers	17	68.5	55	13	8	15	9
Open Seats	4	40.3	68	14	10	3	6

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Party and Candidate Status	Number of candidates	Contributions plus party coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates (\$ millions)	Percentage of funding from				
			Individuals	PAC's	Party (contributions plus coordinated expenditures)	Candidate to self (contributions plus loans)	Other
House, 2000							
All candidates	820	550.0	51	34	2	7	5
All Democrats	416	271.6	50	36	2	8	6
Incumbents	206	170.5	48	45	1	< 1	7
Challengers	176	66.1	56	19	2	18	4
Open Seats	32	34.9	47	23	4	22	5
All Republicans	404	278.4	54	33	2	6	5
Incumbents	197	190.7	54	39	1	1	5
Challengers	175	45.9	58	15	5	18	4
Open Seats	32	76.9	49	29	4	14	3
Senate, 2000							
All candidates	70	387.3	53	13	4	24	6
All Democrats	34	210.2	40	9	3	43	6
Incumbents	11	46.5	56	20	6	12	5
Challengers	18	56.4	43	8	1	41	8
Open Seats	5	107.3	32	4	2	57	5
All Republicans	36	177.1	68	18	6	1	6
Incumbents	18	90.7	60	27	5	2	7
Challengers	13	20.9	70	9	8	3	10
Open Seats	5	65.5	79	10	8	0	3
House, 1998							
All candidates	782	436.1	51	35	3	6	4
All Democrats	390	199.6	49	38	3	6	4
Incumbents	194	130.6	47	46	2	0	5
Challengers	162	41.6	52	19	4	21	3
Open Seats	34	27.4	59	27	4	6	3
All Republicans	392	236.5	53	33	3	6	4
Incumbents	211	166.6	54	39	2	1	5
Challengers	149	42.3	54	15	8	17	5
Open Seats	32	27.6	45	28	5	18	3
Senate, 1998							
All candidates	70	265.9	58	18	7	11	7
All Democrats	35	126.1	58	16	8	9	9
Incumbents	15	71.9	65	22	7	0	6
Challengers	15	39.4	45	4	10	27	15
Open Seats	5	14.7	59	2	9	4	26
All Republicans	35	139.8	57	19	7	12	4
Incumbents	14	72.7	60	26	6	3	5
Challengers	16	52.7	52	9	8	29	3
Open Seats	5	14.3	59	25	8	0	8
House, 1996							
All candidates	873	460.8	53	33	4	6	4
All Democrats	435	211.6	48	35	4	9	4
Incumbents	171	108.8	47	46	2	1	5
Challengers	211	67.3	50	24	6	17	3
Open Seats	53	35.5	48	26	5	18	3
All Republicans	438	249.2	57	30	4	4	4
Incumbents	213	171.3	58	37	2	1	2
Challengers	174	40.0	64	11	9	13	3
Open Seats	51	35.0	53	23	8	12	3
Senate, 1996							
All candidates	68	242.1	58	17	9	12	4
All Democrats	34	116.2	59	13	8	16	4
Incumbents	7	36.4	74	13	4	5	4
Challengers	14	36.5	50	6	8	34	2
Open Seats	13	43.3	55	18	11	9	7
All Republicans	34	125.9	57	21	9	8	4
Incumbents	13	50.0	57	29	9	2	4
Challengers	8	25.6	70	14	10	3	3
Open Seats	13	50.3	50	18	9	18	5

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Party and Candidate Status	Number of candidates	Contributions plus party coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates (\$ millions)	Percentage of funding from				
			Individuals	PAC's	Party (contributions plus coordinated expenditures)	Candidate to self (contributions plus loans)	Other
House, 1994							
All candidates	824	371.3	49	34	5	8	4
All Democrats	403	196.7	43	43	5	5	4
Incumbents	226	142.4	34	50	3	1	12
Challengers	130	23.6	45	23	11	17	4
Open Seats	47	30.7	47	27	8	15	3
All Republicans	421	174.6	56	24	6	11	3
Incumbents	157	82.9	58	36	2	1	3
Challengers	217	58.6	56	10	10	20	4
Open Seats	47	33.1	50	19	8	19	4
Senate, 1994							
All candidates	70	291.7	54	15	8	19	4
All Democrats	35	124.9	55	18	10	12	5
Incumbents	16	86.4	54	18	8	14	6
Challengers	10	11.7	46	16	13	21	4
Open Seats	9	26.9	60	16	14	3	7
All Republicans	35	166.7	53	13	6	24	4
Incumbents	10	35.4	60	30	6	<1	4
Challengers	16	96.1	47	3	5	41	4
Open Seats	9	35.2	61	21	11	1	6
House, 1992							
All candidates	851	331.5	47	36	5	9	3
All Democrats	427	184.7	43	43	4	6	4
Incumbents	213	122.1	40	50	2	1	7
Challengers	140	25.1	48	26	10	13	3
Open Seats	74	37.5	49	30	4	17	<1
All Republicans	424	146.9	51	26	6	13	4
Incumbents	138	74.8	52	39	3	1	5
Challengers	216	44.5	47	9	10	22	12
Open Seats	70	27.5	57	21	7	14	1
Senate, 1992							
All candidates	71	214.2	58	21	13	5	3
All Democrats	35	108.5	60	23	11	2	4
Incumbents	15	43.9	52	35	6	2	5
Challengers	13	43.1	68	12	14	3	3
Open Seats	7	21.5	61	19	13	3	4
All Republicans	36	106.9	55	19	15	7	4
Incumbents	12	59.4	58	25	13	<1	4
Challengers	17	24.0	55	9	20	14	2
Open Seats	7	23.5	48	16	16	18	2
House, 1990							
All candidates	807	257.5	44	40	3	6	7
All Democrats	413	146.5	39	47	3	5	6
Incumbents	249	113.2	37	52	1	2	8
Challengers	132	16.0	44	27	9	16	4
Open Seats	32	17.3	42	33	4	17	4
All Republicans	394	108.8	51	32	4	7	6
Incumbents	159	70.7	50	41	2	1	6
Challengers	206	23.9	54	10	7	24	5
Open Seats	29	14.1	50	24	10	12	4
Senate, 1990							
All candidates	67	191.0	61	21	7	5	6
All Democrats	34	90.8	63	22	6	4	5
Incumbents	17	66.7	65	25	5	0	5
Challengers	14	21.0	58	12	9	15	6
Open Seats	3	3.1	50	18	11	21	<1
All Republicans	33	100.2	59	21	9	5	6
Incumbents	15	58.9	65	22	7	0	6
Challengers	15	33.4	51	16	12	15	6
Open Seats	3	7.9	43	36	7	0	14

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Table 3-8 Campaign Funding Sources: House and Senate Major Party General Election Candidates, 1984-2012

Party and Candidate Status	Number of candidates	Contributions plus party coordinated expenditures on behalf of candidates (\$ millions)	Percentage of funding from				
			Individuals	PAC's	Party (contributions plus coordinated expenditures)	Candidate to self (contributions plus loans)	Other
House, 1988							
All candidates	813	249.0	46	40	4	5	5
All Democrats	429	140.0	40	47	3	5	5
Incumbents	238	103.8	39	51	2	1	7
Challengers	154	23.5	46	31	7	13	3
Open Seats	27	12.7	39	36	7	14	4
All Republicans	384	109.0	52	31	6	6	5
Incumbents	164	73.7	51	39	3	1	6
Challengers	194	21.6	55	10	13	19	3
Open Seats	26	13.7	54	21	13	12	<1
Senate, 1988							
All candidates	66	199.4	59	22	9	5	5
All Democrats	33	103.0	58	23	7	8	4
Incumbents	15	53.0	61	29	4	1	5
Challengers	12	29.1	66	16	11	3	4
Open Seats	6	20.9	37	16	8	35	4
All Republicans	33	96.3	61	22	11	2	4
Incumbents	12	50.8	62	26	8	<1	4
Challengers	15	27.7	63	11	18	6	2
Open Seats	6	17.8	54	26	13	1	6
House, 1986							
All candidates	810	234.2	48	36	4	6	6
All Democrats	427	125.7	44	42	2	6	6
Incumbents	235	84.1	42	49	1	2	6
Challengers	147	22.1	49	29	6	13	3
Open Seats	45	19.5	47	31	3	15	4
All Republicans	383	108.5	53	29	6	7	5
Incumbents	160	67.3	53	37	4	1	5
Challengers	182	21.4	54	11	10	22	3
Open Seats	41	19.8	53	24	10	10	3
Senate, 1986							
All candidates	68	208.6	60	21	9	6	4
All Democrats	34	90.2	56	22	8	9	5
Incumbents	9	28.2	62	26	7	2	3
Challengers	18	40.3	51	19	9	16	5
Open Seats	7	21.7	60	22	8	5	5
All Republicans	34	118.5	63	21	9	2	5
Incumbents	18	68.9	63	24	8	<1	5
Challengers	9	20.4	64	9	18	6	3
Open Seats	7	29.1	61	22	6	2	9
House, 1984							
All candidates	816	203.8	47	36	7	6	5
All Democrats	434	107.2	44	41	3	6	6
Incumbents	258	81.8	39	46	2	2	11
Challengers	152	16.3	43	29	6	18	5
Open Seats	24	9.1	45	22	6	24	3
All Republicans	382	96.6	49	30	11	6	5
Incumbents	154	52.1	51	37	6	1	5
Challengers	204	33.8	48	18	17	13	4
Open Seats	24	10.7	47	31	13	7	2
Senate, 1984							
All candidates	68	157.7	61	18	6	10	4
All Democrats	33	73.1	56	18	6	16	4
Incumbents	12	22.8	61	28	3	<1	8
Challengers	17	25.5	69	17	9	2	3
Open Seats	4	24.8	39	9	6	44	2
All Republicans	35	84.6	65	18	6	5	4
Incumbents	17	55.7	68	21	6	1	5
Challengers	13	10.0	55	15	20	8	2
Open Seats	5	19.0	60	10	9	17	8

a. In 2000, without Jon Corzine (D-NJ), the self-funding percentage for open seat Democrats would be only 2%, for all Democrats it would be 20%, and for all candidates it would be 10%.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-9 Number Political Action Committees Making Contribution to Candidates, 1976-2012

Committee Type	2012	2010	2008	2006	2004	2002	2000	1998	1996	1994	1992	1990	1988	1986	1984	1982	1980	1978	1976
Corporate	1,223	1,492	1,470	1,463	1,402	1,359	1,365	1,425	1,470	1,468	1,514	1,540	1,616	1,584	1,584	1,317	1,037	704	433
Labor	137	199	203	202	206	215	236	232	236	255	255	233	256	261	261	293	225	215	224
Trade/membership/health	700	907	794	734	722	697	662	664	650	633	633	609	633	598	598	407	463	122	489
Nonconnected	902	842	1,023	870	819	700	670	560	529	509	534	511	630	576	576	204	201	400	-
Cooperative	29	34	39	35	34	36	37	41	41	50	48	51	51	51	51	46	27	11	-
Corporation without stock	55	83	84	89	75	86	94	102	109	112	114	114	122	117	117	78	44	22	-
Total	3,046	3,557	3,613	3,393	3,258	3,093	3,064	3,024	3,035	3,027	3,098	3,058	3,308	3,187	3,187	2,345	1,997	1,474	1,146

a. For 1976, number of registered PACs is listed.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-10 PAC Contributions to Congressional Candidates 1978-2012 (in \$ millions)

Type of PAC	2012	2010	2008	2006	2004	2002	2000	1998	1996	1994	1992	1990	1988	1986	1984	1982	1980	1978
Labor	52.7	61.6	61	56.9	50.3	51.9	50.2	43.4	46.5	40.7	39.7	33.6	33.9	29.9	24.8	20.3	13.2	9.9
Corporate	167.1	153.7	143.6	128.4	104.3	91.6	84.2	71.1	69.7	64.1	64.3	53.5	50.4	46.2	35.5	27.5	19.2	9.5
Trade/membership/health	117.1	126.2	106.1	98.4	78.2	71.5	68.3	59.0	56.2	50.1	51.4	42.5	38.9	32.9	26.7	21.9	15.9	11.2
Nonconnected	77.1	53.6	63.8	70.9	49.8	44.6	35.6	27.1	22.0	17.3	17.5	14.3	19.2	18.8	14.5	10.7	4.9	2.5
Other	11.5	11.7	11.4	8.74	6.5	6.5	7.1	6.2	6.8	6.6	6.6	5.9	5.4	4.9	3.8	3.2	2.0	1.0
Total	425.5	406.8	385.9	363.3	289.1	266.1	245.4	206.8	201.2	178.8	179.4	149.7	147.8	132.7	105.3	83.6	55.2	34.1

Note: The data are for contributions to all candidates up for election in the year indicated that were made during the two-year cycle.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-11 How PACs Distributed Their Contributions to Congressional Candidates, 1978-2012

	Percentage distribution						Percent to Chamber	Dollars to chamber (in millions)	Percentage distribution						Percent to Chamber	Dollars to chamber (in millions)	Total percent	Total dollars (in millions)	
	Incumbent		Challenger		Open seat				Incumbent		Challenger		Open seat						
	D	R	D	R	D	R			D	R	D	R	D	R					
House, 2012									Senate, 2012										
Corporate	25	49	0	1	2	3	81%	131.0	7	6	0	1	1	4	19%	31.1	100%	162.1	
Association	26	46	2	2	3	4	82%	101.4	6	4	0	2	2	4	18%	21.6	100%	123.0	
Labor	49	8	16	0	14	0	88%	50.3	6	0	1	0	4	0	12%	6.9	100%	57.2	
Nonconnected	20	24	8	5	6	5	68%	34.4	10	5	2	4	6	6	32%	16.4	100%	50.8	
Other PACs	28	45	1	2	3	4	83%	9.8	6	3	1	2	2	4	17%	2.0	100%	11.8	
All PACs	28	39	4	2	4	3	81%	326.9	7	4	1	2	2	3	19%	78.0	100%	404.8	
House, 2010									Senate, 2010										
Corporate	39	31	<1	3	<1	3	77	111.0	7	8	<1	1	1	6	23	32.8	100%	143.8	
Association	41	28	<1	5	<1	4	80	95.3	6	6	<1	1	1	5	20	24.1	100%	119.4	
Labor	72	5	5	<1	7	<1	89	51.6	5	<1	1	<1	5	<1	11	6.6	100%	58.1	
Nonconnected	32	13	2	17	3	6	72	36.1	8	5	1	2	6	6	28	13.8	100%	49.9	
Other PACs	43	29	<1	6	1	4	83	9.2	6	4	<1	1	1	4	17	1.9	100%	11.1	
All PACs	44	24	1	5	2	3	79	303.2	7	5	<1	1	2	5	21	79.1	100%	382.3	
House, 2008									Senate, 2008										
Corporate	38	33	2	2	1	2	77	108.4	6	13	<1	1	1	1	23	33.3	100%	141.7	
Association	40	30	3	3	2	3	82	85.9	5	10	1	1	1	1	18	19.8	100%	105.7	
Labor	56	6	18	<1	8	<1	88	53.5	4	1	5	<1	2	<1	12	7.1	100%	60.6	
Nonconnected	23	21	12	7	5	3	71	44.3	6	12	5	2	2	2	28	17.8	100%	62.1	
Other PACs	41	33	3	3	2	2	83	9.4	5	7	1	2	1	1	17	1.9	100%	11.3	
All PACs	39	26	6	3	3	2	79	301.6	5	10	2	1	1	1	21	79.9	100%	381.5	
House, 2006									Senate, 2006										
Corporate	25	49	<1	<1	1	2	78	99.9	7	11.04924465	1	1	1	2	22	28.5	100%	128.4	
Association	28	46	2	1	2	3	83	81.3	5	8	1	1	1	1	17	17.0	100%	98.3	
Labor	51	10	18	<1	8	<1	87	49.4	6	1	4	<1	2	1	13	7.5	100%	56.9	
Nonconnected	14	36	10	4	4	6	75	52.9	6	9	4	2	2	3	25	18.0	100%	70.9	
Other PACs	31	39	2	1	2	3	77	7.1	6	7	1	1	2	7	23	2.2	100%	9.3	
All PACs	28	39	6	1	3	3	80	290.7	6	7.996846621	2	1	1	2	20	73.1	100%	363.8	
House, 2004									Senate, 2004										
Corporate	23	47	<1	1	1	3	76	79.1	7	10	<1	1	2	5	24	25.2	100%	104.3	
Association	26	45	1	2	2	5	81	63.2	6	7	<1	1	1	4	19	15.0	100%	78.2	
Labor	56	10	10	<1	8	1	85	42.8	7	1	2	<1	5	<1	15	7.6	100%	50.3	
Nonconnected	14	30	5	7	4	11	71	35.2	7	7	2	3	4	7	29	14.6	100%	49.8	
Other PACs	29	42	1	2	3	3	79	5.1	8	6	<1	1	2	3	21	1.4	100%	6.5	
All PACs	28	37	3	2	3	5	78	225.4	7	7	1	1	3	4	22	63.7	100%	289.1	
House, 2002									Senate, 2002										
Corporate	24	41	1	1	2	6	74	68.2	7	10	<1	4	<1	3	26	23.4	100%	91.6	
Association	27	39	1	2	3	8	80	57.2	6	8	1	4	<1	2	20	14.3	100%	71.5	
Labor	53	8	10	<1	14	1	85	44.4	7	1	5	<1	2	<1	15	7.5	100%	51.9	
Nonconnected	18	23	6	5	8	12	72	32.2	8	7	3	6	2	2	28	12.5	100%	44.6	
Other PACs	29	38	<1	1	2	6	76	4.9	9	8	<1	4	<1	2	24	1.5	100%	6.5	
All PACs	30	31	3	2	6	7	78	206.9	7	7	2	3	1	2	22	59.2	100%	266.1	

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Table 3-11 How PACs Distributed Their Contributions to Congressional Candidates, 1978-2012

	Percentage distribution						Percent to Chamber	Dollars to chamber (in millions)	Percentage distribution						Percent to Chamber	Dollars to chamber (in millions)	Total percent	Total dollars (in millions)	
	Incumbent		Challenger		Open seat				Incumbent		Challenger		Open seat						
	D	R	D	R	D	R			D	R	D	R	D	R					
House, 2000									Senate, 2000										
Corporate	25	40	1	2	1	5	74	61.3	4	15	1	1	1	4	26	21.6	100%	83	
Association	29	39	2	3	2	6	81	54.1	3	10	1	1	1	3	19	13.0	100%	67.1	
Labor	55	7	16	<1	9	<1	87	42.6	4	1	5	<1	3	<1	13	6.1	100%	48.7	
Nonconnected	19	24	8	8	6	11	76	26.3	4	10	3	1	2	4	24	8.3	100%	34.6	
Other PACs	33	36	3	2	1	5	80	5.5	5	10	1	1	1	3	20	1.4	100%	6.9	
All PACs	32	31	5	3	3	5	79	189.9	4	10	2	1	2	3	21	50.5	100%	240.3	
House, 1998									Senate, 1998										
Corporate	21	41	0	2	1	5	70	50.3	8	14	0	3	2	3	29	20.9	100%	71.1	
Association	25	40	2	3	3	6	79	46.5	6	9	0	2	2	2	21	12.5	100%	59.0	
Labor	54	7	12	<1	13	<1	86	37.3	8	1	2	<1	2	<1	14	6.0	100%	43.4	
Nonconnected	18	24	5	11	5	11	74	20.0	9	9	1	3	2	2	26	7.1	100%	27.1	
Other PACs	31	35	1	3	2	3	76	4.7	10	9	1	2	1	1	24	1.5	100%	6.2	
All PACs	29	31	4	3	5	5	77	158.7	8	9	1	2	2	2	23	48.1	100%	206.8	
House, 1996									Senate, 1996										
Corporate	20	44	<1	2	2	5	74	51.3	2	11	<1	3	3	7	26	18.3	100%	69.6	
Association	21	40	3	3	4	6	79	44.0	2	8	1	2	3	6	22	12.0	100%	56.0	
Labor	41	5	25	<1	13	<1	85	39.4	3	1	3	<1	8	<1	15	6.9	100%	46.3	
Nonconnected	16	26	10	6	4	7	69	15.1	4	9	2	4	5	7	31	6.9	100%	22.0	
Other PACs	27	36	3	3	3	5	76	5.2	3	7	2	3	4	5	24	1.5	100%	6.7	
All PACs	25	30	8	3	5	5	76	155.0	3	7	2	2	5	5	24	45.6	100%	200.6	
House, 1994									Senate, 1994										
Corporate	34	22	1	4	2	5	68	43.4	9	9	<1	3	2	9	32	20.6	100%	64.1	
Association	37	22	2	5	5	6	77	38.6	7	6	1	2	2	5	23	11.3	100%	50.0	
Labor	55	3	10	<1	14	<1	82	33.3	9	<1	4	<1	5	<1	18	7.2	100%	40.4	
Nonconnected	31	11	4	7	7	6	66	11.6	11	7	1	3	5	5	33	5.6	100%	17.3	
Other PACs	43	18	2	4	4	4	74	4.0	11	5	1	1	3	4	26	1.8	100%	6.6	
All PACs	40	15	4	4	6	4	74	138.8	9	5	1	2	3	5	26	46.5	100%	178.4	
House, 1992									Senate, 1992										
Corporate	32	23	1	3	1	5	67	42.9	10	13	2	2	2	5	33	21.2	100%	64.1	
Association	35	22	3	3	7	6	76	38.7	8	8	2	1	2	2	24	12.4	100%	51.1	
Labor	48	3	11	<1	16	1	78	30.5	9	1	7	<1	5	<1	22	8.6	100%	39.1	
Nonconnected	25	11	5	5	9	1	60	10.3	12	10	6	2	6	3	40	6.9	100%	17.2	
Other PACs	43	19	1	2	4	3	72	4.2	11	9	2	<1	4	1	28	1.6	100%	5.7	
All PACs	36	17	4	2	8	4	71	127.0	9	8	3	1	3	3	29	51.1	100%	178.1	
House, 1990									Senate, 1990										
Corporate	32	25	1	2	2	4	66	35.4	13	11	<1	6	<1	3	34	18.0	100%	53.5	
Association	40	25	2	2	5	5	77	32.5	9	8	1	3	<1	2	33	10.0	100%	42.5	
Labor	54	5	9	<1	13	<1	82	27.6	11	1	5	<1	1	<1	18	6.0	100%	33.6	
Nonconnected	26	13	4	4	8	5	60	8.5	20	10	2	5	1	2	40	5.7	100%	14.3	
Other PACs	46	21	1	2	2	2	74	4.3	13	8	1	2	<1	2	26	1.5	100%	5.8	
All PACs	39	19	3	1	6	4	72	108.5	11	9	2	3	1	2	28	41.2	100%	149.7	

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Table 3-11 How PACs Distributed Their Contributions to Congressional Candidates, 1978-2012

	Percentage distribution						Percent to Chamber	Dollars to chamber (in millions)	Percentage distribution						Percent to Chamber	Dollars to chamber (in millions)	Total percent	Total dollars (in millions)	
	Incumbent		Challenger		Open seat				Incumbent		Challenger		Open seat						
	D	R	D	R	D	R			D	R	D	R	D	R					
House, 1988									Senate, 1988										
Corporate	31	26	1	2	1	3	63	31.6	11	14	1	4	3	5	37	18.8	100%	50.4	
Association	37	26	2	1	3	4	73	28.6	9	9	1	2	2	3	27	10.4	100%	38.9	
Labor	50	6	15	<1	9	<1	79	26.8	9	1	6	<1	4	<1	21	7.1	100%	33.9	
Nonconnected	25	12	8	4	6	4	59	11.4	13	9	7	3	4	4	41	7.8	100%	19.2	
Other PACs	41	23	1	2	2	2	72	3.8	12	9	2	1	2	2	28	1.5	100%	5.3	
All PACs	36	19	6	1	4	3	69	102.2	10	9	3	2	3	3	31	45.7	100%	147.8	
House, 1986									Senate, 1986										
Corporate	26	24	1	2	1	4	58	26.4	5	20	3	3	2	9	42	19.0	100%	45.3	
Association	33	27	2	2	3	5	71	23.0	6	12	4	1	2	4	29	9.4	100%	32.4	
Labor	45	5	14	<1	10	<1	75	21.9	6	2	11	<1	6	<1	25	7.1	100%	29.1	
Nonconnected	21	12	8	5	7	6	59	10.7	6	11	10	2	7	5	41	7.5	100%	18.2	
Other PACs	36	23	1	2	2	2	67	3.2	6	15	6	1	2	3	33	1.6	100%	4.8	
All PACs	32	19	5	2	5	4	66	85.2	5	13	6	1	4	5	34	44.6	100%	129.8	
House, 1984									Senate, 1984										
Corporate	29	26	<1	7	<1	4	67	22.9	7	19	1	2	1	4	33	11.4	100%	34.3	
Association	36	28	2	5	2	4	77	19.8	6	11	2	1	1	1	23	6.0	100%	25.8	
Labor	57	4	14	<1	5	<1	80	18.7	6	1	9	<1	4	<1	20	4.6	100%	23.3	
Nonconnected	26	9	5	15	3	6	63	8.6	7	10	10	4	3	2	37	5.1	100%	13.7	
Other PACs	48	23	2	2	1	2	78	2.9	7	10	2	1	2	1	22	0.8	100%	3.7	
All PACs	38	18	4	6	2	3	72	72.9	6	11	4	2	2	2	28	27.9	100%	100.8	
House, 1982									Senate, 1982										
Corporate	22	31	1	6	2	6	69	18.1	8	13	<1	5	<1	4	31	8.3	100%	26.4	
Association	26	32	3	6	3	6	77	15.9	9	9	1	2	<1	2	23	4.9	100%	20.8	
Labor	40	3	21	<1	11	1	75	14.6	14	2	7	<1	2	<1	25	4.8	100%	19.4	
Nonconnected	20	13	11	12	5	7	69	6.9	9	6	5	7	2	2	31	3.2	100%	10.0	
Other PACs	40	25	3	1	4	3	78	2.4	11	5	2	<1	<1	3	22	0.7	100%	3.1	
All PACs	28	22	8	5	5	5	73	57.9	9	6	5	7	2	2	27	21.8	100%	79.7	
House, 1980									Senate, 1980										
Corporate	23	21	1	13	1	6	64	11.7	9	5	<1	17	1	4	36	6.4	100%	18.1	
Association	29	24	1	13	2	6	75	11.2	9	4	1	8	1	2	25	3.8	100%	15.0	
Labor	50	3	12	<1	7	<1	72	8.9	18	3	4	<1	3	<1	28	3.4	100%	12.3	
Nonconnected	13	9	3	26	2	8	62	2.8	8	2	<1	20	<1	5	37	1.7	100%	4.5	
Other PACs	40	19	2	2	3	4	72	1.4	16	4	1	5	2	2	28	0.5	100%	1.9	
All PACs	31	17	3	10	3	5	69	36.0	11	4	1	10	2	2	31	15.9	100%	51.9	
House, 1978									Senate, 1978										
Corporate	22	18	1	10	4	8	63	6.2	6	14	2	7	3	6	37	3.6	100%	9.8	
Association	27	20	2	11	7	9	76	8.6	5	8	2	4	2	3	24	2.8	100%	11.3	
Labor	43	2	12	<1	14	<1	72	7.5	10	2	9	<1	5	<1	28	2.8	100%	10.3	
Nonconnected	9	10	3	29	4	18	74	2.1	3	5	3	10	1	5	26	0.7	100%	2.8	
Other PACs	49	12	2	1	8	5	77	0.8	5	5	3	2	4	3	23	0.2	100%	1.0	
All PACs	30	14	5	9	8	7	71	25.0	6	8	4	4	3	3	29	10.2	100%	35.2	

Notes: The data are for general election candidates only. D indicates Democrat; R indicates Republican. Percentages may not add up to 100 because of rounding.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-12 Political Party Contributions, Coordinated and Independent Expenditures for Congressional Candidates, 1976-2012 (in dollars)

	Senate			House			Total
	Contributions	Expenditures		Contributions	Expenditures		
		Coordinated	Independent		Coordinated	Independent	
2012							
Democrats	646,500	5,348,835	52,834,293	585,363	5,348,835	62,685,918	127,449,744
Republicans	790,800	7,600,476	32,114,674	749,025	4,718,800	61,881,122	107,854,897
2010							
Democrats	782,710	17,509,201	41,496,478	293,045	6,746,051	65,745,376	132,572,861
Republicans	1,597,170	18,196,872	34,351,039	1,022,314	8,295,592	48,785,092	112,248,079
2008							
Democrats	558,600	3,822,922	73,028,432	1,027,132	1,654,208	81,641,424	161,732,718
Republicans	135,000	1,530,624	40,650,902	3,109,174	3,420,315	30,971,545	79,817,560
2006							
Democrats	596,800	5,796,005	42,627,472	2,429,919	2,409,914	64,141,253	118,001,363
Republicans	386,782	8,784,685	32,156,053	785,435	4,519,856	83,085,694	129,718,505
2004							
Democrats	1,082,388	10,154,423	21,710,954	806,115	2,880,867	32,036,890	68,671,637
Republicans	1,875,740	9,277,459	11,500,079	1,156,771	3,220,419	43,440,699	70,471,167
2002							
Democrats	493,852	2,085,319	413	891,626	2,730,563	250,262	6,452,035
Republicans	2,027,001	10,378,872	501,208	2,131,531	5,388,717	1,362,431	21,789,760
2000							
Democrats	356,618	5,149,704	257,920	977,690	3,325,207	2,031,421	12,098,560
Republicans	519,110	10,823,862	395,190	1,747,012	4,394,759	1,161,612	19,041,545
1998							
Democrats	302,478	9,349,948	1,460,149	1,542,312	4,596,380	29,558	17,280,825
Republicans	514,657	9,334,065	219,074	2,098,276	6,310,120	46,286	18,522,478
1996							
Democrats	637,734	8,611,897	1,452,507	1,387,952	6,786,959	31,914	18,908,963
Republicans	772,244	10,751,093	9,438,331	2,462,999	7,998,844	35,812	31,459,323
1994							
Democrats	638,618	13,204,309		1,501,220	8,455,070		23,799,217
Republicans	748,011	11,561,866		2,036,712	8,851,871		23,198,460
1992							
Democrats	689,953	11,915,878		1,234,553	5,883,678		19,724,062
Republicans	807,397	16,509,940		2,197,611	6,906,729		26,421,677
1990							
Democrats	515,332	5,210,002		943,135	3,401,579		10,070,048
Republicans	862,621	7,725,853		2,019,279	3,012,313		13,620,066
1988							
Democrats	501,777	6,592,264		1,258,952	2,891,152		11,244,145
Republicans	719,006	10,260,600		2,657,069	4,162,207		17,798,882

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	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Senate</u>		<u>Contributions</u>	<u>House</u>		<u>Total</u>
		<u>Expenditures</u>			<u>Expenditures</u>		
		<u>Coordinated</u>	<u>Independent</u>		<u>Coordinated</u>	<u>Independent</u>	
1986							
Democrats	620,832	6,656,286		968,913	1,836,213		10,082,244
Republicans	729,522	10,077,902		2,520,278	4,111,474		17,439,176
1984							
Democrats	441,467	3,947,731		1,280,672	1,774,452		7,444,322
Republicans	590,922	6,518,415		4,060,120	6,190,309		17,359,766
1982							
Democrats	579,337	2,265,197		1,052,286	694,321		4,591,141
Republicans	600,221	8,715,761		4,720,959	5,293,260		19,330,201
1980							
Democrats	480,464	1,132,912		1,025,989	256,346		2,895,711
Republicans	677,004	5,434,758		3,498,323	2,203,748		11,813,833
1978							
Democrats	466,683	229,218		1,262,298	72,892		2,031,091
Republicans	703,204	2,723,880		3,621,104	1,297,079		8,345,267
1976							
Democrats	468,795	4,359		1,465,629	500		1,939,283
Republicans	930,034	113,976		3,658,310	329,583		5,031,903

Notes: The table includes three different kinds of party support for candidates: direct contributions, coordinated expenditures and independent spending. Direct contributions: House candidates may receive a maximum of \$20,000 in primary and general election combined from national and state party committees. In 2012, Senate candidates could receive \$43,100 from national party committees and another \$10,000 from state parties. The National Party to Senate candidate amount is indexed for inflation.

Coordinated expenditures: For most House candidates, party committees may spend an inflation adjusted amount that in 2012 came to \$45,600. The limit is doubled (to \$91,200 in 2012) for states with only one congressional district. For Senate candidates, the limit goes up with a state's population as well as inflation. In the smallest states, this was \$91,200 in 2012. In the largest states (California) it was \$2.6 million. The median states (Kentucky and Louisiana) had party coordinated spending limits of \$305,000 and \$315,400 respectively.

Independent spending by the parties cannot be limited since the Supreme Court's decision in Colorado Republican Federal Campaign Committee v. Federal Election Commission 518 U.S. 604 (1996). Despite this ruling, the parties did not do a great deal of independent spending between 1996 and 2002 because such spending has to be funded entirely with money raised under federal contribution limits. The parties preferred to use "soft" money (no contribution limits) to help pay for communications that were designed to get around these restraints. After the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 prohibited national party soft money, the parties shifted more money into independent expenditures. Unfortunately, it is not possible to know how much soft money was spent to help congressional candidates in the elections through 2002. In 2012, party independent spending in House contests spread out to over 74 districts, with a maximum of \$5.0 million spent in one district. Senate independent spending focused on seventeen races, with \$14.4 million spent in Virginia.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-13 Hard and Soft Money Raised by National Party Committees, 1992-2012 (in millions of dollars)

	2012	2010	2008	2006	2004	2002			2000			1998			1996			1994			1992		
	Hard	Hard	Hard	Hard	Hard	Hard	Soft	Total	Hard	Soft	Total	Hard	Soft	Total	Hard	Soft	Total	Hard	Soft	Total	Hard	Soft	Total
Democratic																							
National Committee	301.4	224.8	260.1	130.8	394.4	67.5	97.0	164.5	124.0	135.3	259.3	64.8	57.4	122.2	108.4	100.5	208.9	41.8	45.1	86.9	65.8	28.4	94.2
Senatorial	145.9	129.5	162.8	121.4	88.7	48.4	96.9	145.3	40.5	63.3	103.8	35.7	25.9	61.5	30.8	14.1	44.9	26.4	0.4	26.9	25.5	0.5	26.0
Congressional	183.8	163.9	176.2	139.9	93.2	46.4	56.8	103.2	48.4	58.0	106.4	25.2	16.6	41.8	26.6	11.8	38.4	19.4	5.1	24.6	12.8	4.0	16.8
Total	631.1	518.3	599.1	392.1	576.2	162.3	250.7	413.0	212.9	256.6	469.5	125.6	99.9	225.5	165.8	126.4	292.2	87.7	50.7	138.4	104.1	32.9	137.0
Republican																							
National Committee	425.0	196.4	427.6	243.0	392.4	170.1	118.7	288.8	212.8	163.5	376.3	104.1	74.3	178.4	193.0	114.4	307.4	87.4	42.4	129.8	85.5	33.6	119.1
Senatorial	117.0	114.6	94.4	88.8	79.0	59.2	66.9	126.1	51.5	44.6	96.1	53.4	37.3	90.7	64.5	29.4	93.9	65.3	6.5	71.9	73.8	7.7	81.5
Congressional	155.7	133.8	118.3	179.5	185.7	123.6	73.3	196.9	97.3	52.9	150.2	72.7	24.1	96.8	74.2	28.8	103.0	26.7	4.8	31.5	35.3	6.2	41.5
Total	697.7	444.7	640.3	511.3	657.1	352.9	258.9	611.8	361.6	261.1	622.7	230.2	135.7	365.9	331.8	172.5	504.3	179.4	53.7	233.1	194.5	47.5	242.0

included in reported total receipts. (2) The national party committees were prohibited from raising soft money by the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002.

Source: Campaign Finance Institute analysis of Federal Election Commission data.

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Table 3-14 Non-Party Independent Expenditures in House and Senate Elections, 1978-2012 (in dollars)

	For Democrats	Against Democrats	For Republicans	Against Republicans	Total
2012					
House	23,413,464	77,171,121	34,082,403	63,247,389	197,914,377
Senate	18,265,873	101,547,974	42,596,491	96,890,762	259,301,100
2010					
House	20,586,631	37,047,762	14,609,781	25,624,537	97,868,711
Senate	13,510,171	43,396,775	22,532,780	17,803,878	97,243,604
2008					
House	8,474,409	2,031,373	8,387,039	7,062,990	25,955,811
Senate	5,417,350	1,846,788	5,506,228	5,004,986	17,775,352
2006					
House	6,441,484	771,557	6,382,708	12,084,897	25,680,646
Senate	2,924,466	305,268	5,700,633	1,474,496	10,404,863
2004					
House	1,346,007	66,693	3,898,440	545,190	5,856,330
Senate	415,371	311,123	7,740,022	364,568	8,831,084
2002					
House	2,664,722	261,922	2,522,441	538,808	5,987,893
Senate	5,275,291	181,233	3,547,488	1,173,796	10,177,808
2000					
House	4,112,071	234,237	2,893,836	1,665,755	8,905,899
Senate	1,481,901	607,809	4,378,023	2,729,069	9,196,802
1998					
House	1,787,439	258,276	3,778,331	601,976	6,426,022
Senate	869,191	146,564	1,440,075	1,011,575	3,467,405
1996					
House	679,312	127,706	2,624,887	1,401,101	4,833,006
Senate	291,109	832,161	2,872,325	833,208	4,828,803
1994					
House	502,621	488,479	1,088,356	50,815	2,130,271
Senate	204,212	433,947	1,309,572	537,531	2,485,262
1992					
House	1,485,768	430,902	1,586,017	452,942	3,955,629
Senate	1,137,321	164,358	864,493	210,490	2,376,662
1990					
House	709,292	130,695	669,726	74,444	1,584,157
Senate	780,832	266,230	1,436,553	584,429	3,068,044
1988					
House	1,465,554	278,723	919,929	148,705	2,812,911
Senate	831,064	617,066	2,809,517	143,441	4,401,088
1986					
House	2,385,685	227,286	1,313,578	120,032	4,046,581
Senate	988,382	632,412	3,342,790	348,006	5,311,590
1984					
House	560,727	118,171	633,646	26,847	1,339,391
Senate	326,031	410,428	1,807,981	2,082,207	4,626,647
1982					
House	241,442	862,654	492,404	66,296	1,662,796
Senate	127,451	3,182,986	298,410	483,750	4,092,597
1980					
House	190,615	38,023	410,478	45,132	684,248
Senate	127,381	1,282,613	261,678	12,430	1,684,102
1978					
House	28,725	31,034	70,701	5,298	135,758
Senate	102,508	36,717	26,065	1,985	167,275

Note: An independent expenditure is defined by the FEC as an expenditure for a communication "expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate that is not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, a candidate, a candidate's authorized committee, or their agents, or a political party or its agents." 11 CFR 100.16(a).

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